



## MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

**October 2022 – Our monthly October MNS meeting will be held Thursday, October 20, at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall Community Room. The meeting program will be the semi-annual club auction. The list of auction items is on the last page of this issue of Milwaukee Numismatic News.**

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*The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.*

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**October Coin of the Month:** This month we offer an attractive BU NGC-encapsulated 2021-D Washington Crossing the Delaware Quarter from the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists show. Cost of encapsulation is about \$25 but bidding will start at just \$10.



## October 2022 MNS President's Message

The calendar year just keeps rolling right along, with our area's final coin show of the season hosted by our club to be held again at the Brookfield Sheraton. November 13<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it. This gives you the October meeting to ensure that you are signed up for any volunteer help that is needed to assist at the show. We learned a lot from last year's show, our first at the new location, and not knowing entirely what to expect it still went smoothly enough. So we are hoping for the same and even better this time around. Trust me, we if don't hear from you for volunteering help I'm sure that you will receive a plea from Paul K. Thanks so much again Paul for keeping us on track for another fantastic show.

Also at the October meeting will be our autumn auction of miscellaneous items consigned by the membership. Please review the list elsewhere in this newsletter and be prepared to bid. I will try to remember to bring the auction paddles with me to the meeting!

Our club banquet at Alioto's is all set and planned for the evening of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A little different than previous years, there is no need for you to sign up in advance but can just show up that night and order from the list of pre-selected menu items. Anyone who volunteered at last year's coin show will receive complimentary dinner at the banquet. Going forward, anyone that volunteers at this year's show will receive the same at next year's banquet.

Please note that dinner will start a little earlier at this year's banquet, serving at 6:15 PM. This will give us plenty of time for the entertainment portion of our evening, so please keep this in mind if you plan to attend. It would be great to see a large turn-out for the banquet, since it is a perfect opportunity to enjoy casual conversation over a meal among fellow friends and club members, something we often cannot do during the hectic night of a monthly club meeting.

Happy Collecting,  
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August 18 MNS outing to the ANA World's Fair of Money, Rosemont, IL

# MN\$ 2022

## 2022 Numismatic Events

### Schedule

Monthly meetings for 2022 calendar year are ready to proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

### Monthly meeting programs

Jan 20:	General Business>Show & Tell
Feb 17:	Tom Casper: Presentation
March 17:	General Business>Show & Tell
April 21:	General Business>Show & Tell
May 19:	Spring Auction
June 16:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
July 21:	General Business>Show & Tell
Aug 18:	NO MEETING-ANA Show Bus
Sept 15:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 20:	Autumn Auction
Nov 17:	Raffle Tickets Drawing
Dec 15:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

### Annual Dues

Dues for 2022 are \$10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886**. Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

### Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

Oct. 30:	Elgin Coin Club Show Holiday Inn at 495 Airport Rd (9-3 PM)
Nov 13:	MNS Coin Show (9-4 PM) Sheraton Hotel Brookfield
Nov 27:	Madison Coin Club Show Marriott West Hotel (9-4 PM) 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive Middleton, WI

April 22, 2023	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic during SS Coin Show
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### MNS Banquet

October 22:	Alioto's: 6-8 PM Entertainment: Magician Julie Sobanski
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### Refreshment Schedule

Jan 20:	Don K.
Feb 17:	Open
March 17:	Jordan H.
April 21:	Dave Hunsicker
May 19:	Justin P.
June 16:	Justin P.
July 21:	Ray/Christine S.
August 18:	NO MEETING (ANA Trip)
Sept 15:	Justin P.
Oct 20:	Justin P.
Nov 17:	Open
Dec 15:	Christmas Party

# Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

September 15, 2022

President Justin Perreault called the 1030th meeting of the MNS to order at 6:05pm. There were 15 members & 1 guest in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Jordan H, Gary B, Mathew, Dave H, Josh W, Steve S, and Paul K.

**Coin of the Month:** Steve S. won the coin of the month, 2000 S Virginia State Quarter Proof 70, with a winning bid of \$11.00

**Minutes:** The minutes for July 2022 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris K. reported that July showed net receipts of \$62.00, Vanguard transfer, interest earned transfer, and \$245.64 in net disbursements for a net cash flow of \$447.54 August showed net receipts of \$0.00, vanguard transfer, interest earned transfer, and \$0.00 in net disbursements for a net cash flow of \$677.50.

**Correspondence:** The Numismatist, Coins, and The Sentinel

**Vice President Report:** There are openings for several months this year for members to bring refreshments. You are reimbursed up to \$60.00. There are also dates available for Program Ideas.

**MNS Banquet:** Our Banquet will be held October 22, 2022, at Alioto's at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm with entertainment at 7:00 pm. If you volunteered at the MNS Coin Show last year, then your meal will be covered.

**MNS Coin Show:** Our show will be on November 13, 2022, at the same location as last year. Paul K and Chris K have been working hard on making sure it will all be ready to go. Please consider volunteering for an hour or more to help make sure the show is successful for everyone involved. Contact Paul K if you have questions or available to volunteer.

**Show & Tell:** Leon S - \$50 East Caribbean QEII, Howard Thorpe Dictators on Current, Misc., Bruce B – ANA Convention Acquisitions, Tom S – Freeport Ill Brewery Token, Gary B – Error Note, James Kubley – ANA Buys, Jordan H – Queen Elizabeth II on world currency, and Chriss K – ANA Finds.

**Trivia:** The club was split into two groups for trivia. The Morgans beat the Sain-Gaudens. The winning team members received prizes.

**October Meeting:** October will be the MNS Fall Auction. If you wish to list an item in the Auction, then please let Leon S know by October 4. Items will not be accepted the day of the Auction.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:34pm by President Perrault.

**Respectfully submitted by James Kubley**

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**Here are some reminders from Paul Kromm, MNS Show Chairman**

1. We are having our annual coin show on November 13<sup>th</sup>
2. We still have good opportunities to volunteer to help our club
3. We will have show Raffle tickets available at our October meeting for sale.

# Indian Chief Celebrates Wisconsin City's Jubilee

By Tom Casper

The American Indians were the indigenous people who once lived on the land we now call Wisconsin. Eleven federally recognized tribes were spread out through the land for many years before settlers from the east arrived. So, it is no surprise that some Wisconsin cities have Indian names. In fact, more than 120 Wisconsin cities do. A few of these are Algoma, Neenah, Pembine, Shiocton and Wonewoc.

Another one of these cities is Waupun. It is in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. Waupun was founded in 1839 by Seymour Wilcox. The name comes from the Ojibwe word "Waubun" which means "the east", "the morning," "the twilight of dawn" and "dawn of day." In fact, the city was originally supposed to be named "Waubun" but the state of Wisconsin made a spelling error, and Waupun never bothered to change it.

Waupun, like many other cities, celebrates major anniversaries from the date of its founded. In 1964 Waupun marked its 125th year. The city held a 4-day jubilee (quasquicentennial) July 1-4, which included the crowning of a jubilee queen, square dancing, a hootenanny, free entertainment acts, a big parade and a carnival.

A famous celebrity was also invited to attend and participate in the hoopla. Seneca Chief John Big Tree, 87, from New York was the guest of the National Bank of Waupun (now the National Exchange Bank and Trust, Waupun Office). The bank had Chief John Big Tree put his mark, an X, on cards which were witnessed by two bank employees and given out to the public as souvenirs. Chief Big Tree (1877-1967) was born Isaac Johnny John and worked as an actor, appearing in 59 films between 1915 and 1950.

He is famous in numismatics for claiming to be one of three models used for the Indian on the Buffalo nickel along with Iron Tail (Sioux) and Two



*Chief John Big Tree poses in front of the End of the Trail sculpture in Waupun, WI.*

Moons (Cheyenne). The portrait on the nickel was not a direct portrait of any particular Indian but was made from several portrait busts. Even the buffalo on the reverse of the nickel had a model, a bison named Black Diamond in the New York Central Park Zoo.

The Buffalo nickel, struck from 1913 to 1938, was designed by James Earle Fraser, an American sculptor, (1876-1953). He also designed the U.S. World War I Victory Medal (1919), Navy Cross (1919), Norse-American Medal (1925) and the Oregon Trail Memorial half dollar (1926).

Another of Fraser's famous works was a sculpture, *End of the Trail*, which shows an exhausted Native American seated on a windblown pony at the edge of the Pacific Ocean. It symbolizes the Indians being pushed west across the U.S. to the edge of the ocean which was the end of their trail. Chief Big Tree also claimed he was a model for this monument. The first commissioned casting of *End of the Trail* - a twice life size statue - is in Shaler Park in Waupun. Sculptor Clarence Addison Shaler purchased the statue and donated it to the city of Waupun on June 23, 1929.

Ever since the Buffalo nickel was struck, researchers have tried to find conclusive proof of who the three models were. Many numismatic writers have researched the mystery without finding the complete answer. Fraser

## Waupun souveneirs

CHIEF JOHN (X) <sup>HIS</sup> BIG TREE  
<sub>MARK</sub>

Witnessed & authenticated  
by Jose Hubendorf  
& Florence Berkley

Members of the Staff of  
THE NATIONAL BANK of  
WAUPUN, Wisconsin

Serving as hosts to the Chief's visit during the  
125th year Jubilee of the City of Waupun.  
JULY 1st thru 4th, 1964



*Chief John Big Tree signed souvenir cards with an "X." The city's banks issued wooden nickels.*



*Chief John Big Tree claimed to be the model for James Earle Fraser's End of the Trail sculpture (top) and the Indian Head 5-cent piece*

undisputed as a model is Chief Iron Tail.

In 2009, Wisconsin author Robert R. Van Ryzin wrote the book, *Fascinating Facts, Mysteries and Myths About U. S. Coins*. Chapter 1 in the book, *Mistaken Identity*, focused on the Indian models used by Fraser for the Buffalo nickel. After extensive research he concluded, along with many others, that Chief Big Tree wasn't the model for Buffalo nickel or the *End of the Trail* monument. There is no record that any models were used for the *End of Trail* sculpture.

Whether or not the famed Chief Big Tree was one of the models, he enhanced the festivities of the 1964 jubilee while promoting awareness and the culture of American Indians.

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himself said he used three models; Chief Two Moons, a Cheyenne; and Chief Iron Tail, a Sioux. He could not recall the name of the third model. This left the door open for speculation for the third Indian.

One name mentioned was Chief Two Guns White Calf, but Fraser denied using him. Chief Big Tree claimed he was the model. Another possibility was a Kiowa Adoeette (Big Tree). Fraser said he was the correct Big Tree.

Information over the years showed there were two Two Moons and two Big Trees. The one name that is

## MNS Auction, October 20, 2022

1. Mexico 1968 large Silver Olympics Commemorative coin, toned Unc, MB \$20
2. Washington 1982-D Silver Commemorative coin, BU, MB \$10
3. Las Vegas Frontier Hotel belt buckle, antique brass, excellent condition
4. Barcelona 1992 Olympics, MOPAR 1 oz. pure Silver round, MB \$22
5. Milwaukee Police motorcycle attractive multicolored challenge "coin"
6. Bitcoin medal, attractive gold plated copper, BU proof
7. 8 packages (10 ea) assorted clear plastic coin holders, \$32 retail value, MB \$5
8. 2004 Wisconsin State Quarter souvenir holder with two BU coins, MB \$5
9. Abraham Lincoln bust, 6 inches attractive artificial composition stone, MB \$5
10. \$100 bills designer tissues, one package
11. Korean War Memorial, new book, MB \$5
12. Pearl Harbor/Gen. Douglas MacArthur coffee mug new, MB \$5
13. Sturdy metal safe with key, MB \$10
14. Metal file box without key
15. 40+ assorted Wisconsin Kodachrome view postcards, zoo, dells, cave, more, nice lot
16. 1776 pewter commemorative patriotic USA plate with hanging loop
  
17. 3 colonial medals & 2 casino tokens, MB \$10
18. \$20 Harriet Tubman slavery fantasy note from Milwaukee June 2020 BLM protest parade
19. Fine silver antique pocket watch missing hands & 1991 art deco credit & card holder MB \$25
20. 1998 D Lincoln Cent Die Polish Worn Hair Error
21. 1970 100 Pesetas Spain & Modern 1,000 Won South Korea Currency
22. New US Mint President Reagan bag & 2 vintage cloth bank coin bags, good condition
23. Four 1940s-1950s local Milwaukee ink blotters & vintage engraved advertising shoe horn
  
24. Milwaukee Numismatic Society token from 55th annual coin show 1969 MB \$5
25. 3 Mexican Silver coins: 5 peso 1948, 5 peso 1955, 10 peso 1956, total silver 2.12 oz, MB \$45 for 3 coins or \$20.00 for 1 coin
26. 3 Bulgarian Silver coins: 5 leva 1885, 5 leva 1894, 100 leva 1930, total silver 2.08 ounces MB \$45 for 3 coins or \$20 for 1 coin
27. 3 French coins, all 5 francs dated 1848bb, 1851a, 1873 total silver 2.17 ounces, MB \$45 for 3 coins or \$20 for 1 coin
28. 3 Canadian Silver Dollars dated 1963, 1964, 1967 total silver 1.8 ounces, MB \$45 for 3 coins or \$20 for 1 coin